

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated June 14, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 42-54 and 67 are rejected by the Examiner. With this response, the rejected claims 42-54 and 67-70 are canceled. Claim 55 is amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-41, 55-66, and 71-77 remain pending in this application with claims 1-41 and 75-77 having been previously withdrawn from consideration.

Therefore, the claims 55-66 and 71-74 are allowable.

Applicants believe the above amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.


If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

Respectfully submitted,

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